

JUST TRANSITION FORUM IN ASIA 2022

7-9 September | 2:00-5:00PM GMT+7



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AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT
FUTURE IN ASIA**
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BACKGROUND

The inaugural Just Transition Forum in Asia (JTFA) was held on 9 September 2021. It was organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Regional Climate and Energy Project in Asia in collaboration with Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA) to respond to the growing urgency for a Just Transition and the need to have a multistakeholder discussion on the topic.

JTFA 2021 brought together leading experts from government, business, think tanks, labour movement, civil society and national and international organisations from the region and beyond, for a dialogue on shaping a socially inclusive and climate-resilient future in Asia powered by renewable energy.

Attended by more than 250 participants representing over 117 organisations from 22 countries, the forum was well received. Their demand for JTFA to be held the following year led to its institutionalisation as an annual event.

Since then, the momentum on raising the profile and importance of Just Transition has increased. A Just Transition Declaration was made at the 26th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) in Glasgow, Scotland on 4 November 2021. Its aim is to ensure no one is left behind in the transition to a net zero and climate resilient future.

Moreover, in the Glasgow Climate Pact adopted at COP26, all 197 states agreed that the use of unabated coal should be 'phased down', as should subsidies for fossil fuels. The 2022 reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Groups II and III have also created an added sense of urgency for Just Transition.

While the traditional focus has been on a Just Transition in the energy sector, various organisations are actively working on Just Transition on other sectors including food systems and cities. Efforts are also ongoing around the world to define Just Transition as well as create an international platform for collaboration.

This year, JTFA brings together representatives of a broad cross-section of stakeholders – United Nations' agencies, government, civil society, private sector, think tanks and frontline communities – to discuss Just Transition from their perspectives and learn from their initiatives.

JTFA 2022 OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate regional sharing, peer learning and coalition building among different stakeholders working on Just Transition in Asia and globally, with the aim of promoting the development of actor networks for exploring energy pathways towards decarbonisation in the region; and
- To share best practices and common understanding of Just Transition with multi stakeholders, including government, on how they can be applied at the local, national, regional and global levels.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 7 September

2:00 - 2:10	Opening by FES Climate and Energy Project in Asia
2:10 - 2:30	Keynote address by Peter Govindasamy Chairperson, Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures, UNFCCC & Senior Director, Climate Change International Team, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
2:30 - 3:30	Opening panel discussion: WHY JUST TRANSITION IS CRITICAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Govindasamy, Chairperson, Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures, UNFCCC & Senior Director, Climate Change International Team, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore • Eric Roeder, Technical Specialist on Green Jobs, Climate Action and Resilience through Just Transition – Asia Pacific Region, International Labour Organization • Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development • Charlotte Wolff-Bye, Vice President & Chief Sustainability Officer, PETRONAS <p>Moderated by: Nithi Nesadurai, Director & Regional Coordinator, CANSEA</p>
3:30 - 3:45	Break and networking
3:45 - 5:00	Transformational Labs (parallel sessions) <p>TRANSPORT STRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY SHIFT: LESSONS AND CHALLENGES IN TRANSPORT WORKERS' COOPERATIVE BUILDING Hosted by FES Philippines (Filipino with English translation)</p> <p>RELEVANCE OF FOOD SYSTEMS FOR THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT Hosted by World Animal Protection</p> <p>VIEWS FROM THE GROUND – JUST ENERGY TRANSITION IN EAST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA Hosted by CANSEA</p>

Thursday, 8 September

2:00 - 2:20	Keynote address by Jenny Yi-Chen Han Research Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute
2:20 - 3:35	Transformational Labs (parallel sessions) <p>GETTING TOGETHER AND MOVING FOR WORKERS Hosted by FES Thailand (Thai with English translation)</p> <p>4D ASEAN YOUTH LAB: DECARBONIZATION, DECENTRALIZATION, DIGITIZATION, DEREGULATION Hosted by E4SEA and FES Vietnam - IKI Project</p>

3:35 - 3:45	Break and networking
3:45 - 5:00	<p>Transformational labs (parallel sessions)</p> <p>UNPACKING THE PUZZLE ON FINANCING THE ENERGY NEEDS IN THE BACKDROP OF COAL PHASE DOWN Hosted by FES India</p> <p>A JUST LIVESTOCK TRANSITION IN ASIA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH PERSPECTIVE Hosted by 50by40</p>

Friday, 9 September

2:00 - 3:15	<p>Transformational Labs (parallel sessions)</p> <p>FAIR URBAN TRANSITION Hosted by Porticus</p> <p>JUST TRANSITION TOOLBOX Hosted by Climate Investment Funds</p>
3:15 - 3:30	Break and networking
3:30 - 4:30	<p>Closing panel discussion</p> <p>CARRYING FORWARD THE JUST TRANSITION MOMENTUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joy Hernandez, Communications and Advocacy Officer, International Trade Union Confederation – Asia Pacific Jenny Yi-Chen Han, Research Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute Kate Hughes, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank <p>Moderated by Yvonne Blos, FES International Climate Policy Officer</p>
4:30 - 4:40	Closing remarks by CANSEA

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